Catholic Parishes of Millbury

St. Brigid & Our Lady of the Assumption

Divine Mercy Sunday

We have seen the Lord.

John 20:25

He is Risen

THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF MILLBURY
ST. BRIGID † OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

Parish Offices Are Located At:

St. Brigid Parish
59 Main Street, Millbury, MA 01527
Mon. - Thurs. 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM
(508) 865-6624 • **Fax:** (508) 865-3101

Assumption Parish Phone: (508) 865-2657

St. Vincent de Paul: (774) 262-5506

www.assumptionmillbury.org
www.stbrigidparish.org

Check our websites for individual email addresses.

Mass Times

Assumption Church
12 Waters Street

Mon. & Thurs.: 9:00 AM
Tues. & Wed.: 7:00 AM
Sun.: 9:00 AM

St. Brigid Church
59 Main Street

Sat.: 4:00 PM
Sun.: 7:00 AM & 11:00 AM (June - Sept.)
Sun.: 7:00 AM & 11:30 AM (Oct. - May)

Pastoral & Administrative Staff

Fr. Dan Mulcahy, *Pastor*

Deacon Ron Buron, K.H.S., *Permanent Deacon*
Facilities Manager
Safe Env. Coordinator

Sister Jeanne Richard, S.A.S.V.,
Pastoral Care Ministry

Claudette Belair, *Music Director*

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Family Ministry

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*Bulletin items must be emailed to catholicparishesofmillbury@gmail.com or monica.hamilton@stbrigidparish.org in the body of the email, or as an attached Word document. Deadline is noon the preceding Thursday. We prioritize parish and local events, space is limited so items may only appear once, and are run on a first-come, first served basis. For ad space, call Pilot Bulletins at 617.779.3771. Monica is in the office Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Ronald Marlborough, *Maintenance Director*

Melissa Turner, *Administrative Assistant, Cantor*

Sacraments of the Church

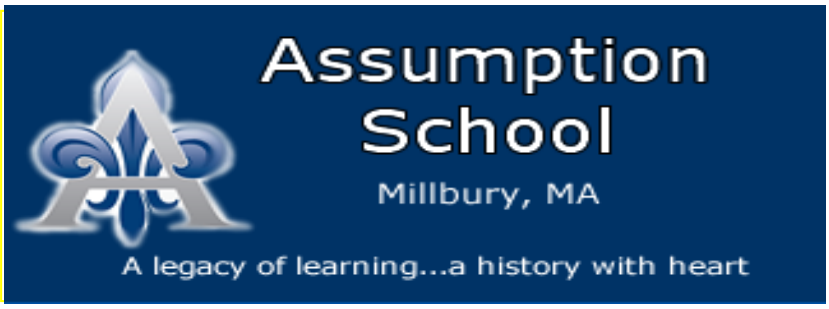
Reconciliation/Confession
Saturdays 3 PM to 3:45 PM or anytime upon request.

Baptism
Baptism Gatherings, to prepare families for the sacrament of Baptism, are held four times a year. Baptisms are held each month. For more information, or to make arrangements, please call the parish offices at (508) 864.6624.

Marriage
Please call the rectory at least one year in advance.

Anointing of the Sick and Communion Calls
Please call the rectory when a parishioner is confined at home, is in the hospital, or placed in a nursing home or hospice. Holy Communion is brought to shut-ins upon request.

How to Reach Us
Members of the staff may be contacted by calling the Parish Offices at (508) 865-6624. The offices are open Monday through Thursday from 8:30 AM until 3 PM, with a half-hour lunch break beginning at 12:30 PM. If the offices are closed, feel free to leave a voicemail and we will get back to you as soon as we are able.



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Millbury, MA 01527
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Mass Intentions

Sat., April 18
4:00 PM **Maureen Stacy**
By: Aline Bourdeau

Sun., April 19
7:00 AM **Irene Dolegiewicz**
By: The Family
9:00 AM **Alice & Henry Bernard (Anniversary)**
By: The Family
11:30 AM **Maurice J. O'Brien Jr. (27th Anniversary)**
By: The Family

Mon., April 20
9:00 AM **The People of the Catholic Parishes of Millbury**

Tues., April 21
7:00 AM **All Souls**

Wed., April 22
7:00 AM **St. Jude**
By: A Parishioner

Thurs. April 23
9:00 AM **The Deceased Members of The Richard Family**
By: Sr. Jeanne

Sat., April 25
4:00 PM **The Jarvis & Comtois Families**
By: The Family

Sun., April 26
7:00 AM **John Hemple**
By: The Family
9:00 AM **Dolores M. White**
By: Aline Bourdeau
11:30 AM **MaryJane Kaczynski**
By: Francis

(N.B. Mass Intentions are handwritten in the official Daily Mass Record Book. Our apologies for any errors or misspelled names.)

2021 Mass Book Opening

The Mass Book for 2021 will be opened on Wednesday, April 29. To book your Mass Intention and Candle Requests for 2021, please call Melissa at 508-865-6624 between the hours of **8:30 AM** and **3:00 PM**. The suggested Mass and Candle Offering is $10 each.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." Bring the peace of Christ into your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Jun 6-7, 2020 in Medway, MA and Sep 12-13, 2020 in Medway, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at https://wwmema.org/.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

All public Masses have been suspended at this time. The ministry schedule will return as soon as Masses can be celebrated again.

flocknote

Flocknote is our parish communication tool we have put in place to help keep parishioners informed and up-to-date on parish life, announcements, weather cancelations, etc. It is especially useful now to learn about how COVID-19 closings are affecting our parish. You can choose to receive text message and/or email notifications. Visit our Flocknote page to sign up:

millburycatholic.flocknote.com

Scripture for the week of April 19, 2020

19 SUN Acts 2:42-47/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31
20 Mon Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8
21 Tue Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15
22 Wed Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21
23 Thu Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36
24 Fri Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15
25 Sat 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20
26 SUN Acts 2:14, 22-33/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

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Act of Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

SANCTUARY CANDLES BURNING APRIL 18-24

St. Brigid
In Loving Memory of
Joseph Gillespie, Jr. (2nd Anniversary)
Requested by: Janis Corey

Our Lady of the Assumption
In Loving Memory of
Frank Cammuso
Requested by: His Wife

Rest in Peace

In the charity of your prayers, please remember the souls of **Evelyn Noonan** who has gone home to God. May she rest in Christ's eternal light and peace.

MINISTRY OF PRAYER : Prayer Line 508-865-5373
If you, or someone you know, is in need of prayer, call the confidential prayer line listed above.

Remember in Prayer this Week:

Those who serve in our Military:

Marc Winchester **Emily Weagle**
Patrick Weeks **Denzel Parker**
Andrew Hafferty

Forms are available at each parish to add names to the Prayer List or call the rectory at 508-865-6624 with your request.

Office Closings and Parish information

Our offices are closed to the public until further notice. Fr. Dan will celebrate Masses for your intentions. A Mass is live streamed each week on Facebook. Churches remain OPEN from 7 AM-3 PM for personal prayer, via the front center doors, and there you can pick up a bulletin. Flocknotes has additional event information. See page 3 for Flocknote signups and page 5 for events schedule.

In Loving Memory

John & Julia Anger
Lee Aubin
Maryann Auger
Jeanne Augustine
Larry F. Army
Albina Bartkus
Edward Bartkus
Arthur G. Boucher
Natalie Bourdeau
Patricia Bourdeau
Sylvio E. Bourdeau
F. Joseph and Mary Brady
Joseph & Rose Cataldo
Frank Cammuso
Philip Chabot, Sr.
Albert and Helen Collette
Pat and Tiff Correia
Donna "Gain" Cournoyer
Karen A. Courville
Roland O. Couture
Arthur "Archie" Cronin
Gerald & Peggy Croteau
George A. D'Auteuil, Jr.
George A. D'Auteuil, Sr.

Kathleen M. DeCillis
Raymond DeRouin
Armand Desorcy
Joseph Dunn
Timothy P. Eckland
Jonathan Favreau
Lois M. Fisher
Gabrielle G. Gaboriault
Joe & Jean Gagliardi
William Gain, Jr.
Bernice Gaudere
Reggie Gauthier
Ruth Gonsorcik
Daniel Guadagnoli
John & Irene Guyan
Robert James (Sam) Guyan
Betty A. Hamilton
Derek Hamilton
Patricia Hamilton
Matthew Hartline
John Huchowski
Paul J. Jandron
Joanne Juskavitch
Joseph V. Kane

Claire Kobel
Richard Kroll
Michael P. Krumsiek
Robert P. LaCrosse, Sr.
Lillian Langevin
Tan Le
Noe R. LeBeau, Sr.
Edward L. Lemoine
Kevin Lemoine
Rita Lemoine
Lorraine Letendre
Mark Lizotte
William and Irene Louis
Leo & Jane Metivier
Kenneth Michalak
Mary B. Mrozinski
Lorraine Mooney
Daniel R. Mulcahy, Sr.
Joseph Noonan
Albert Nikosey
Charles F. O'Connor, Jr.
John P. & Bridget O'Malley
Richard P. Raymond
Virginia Richnick
Stephen Rodwill

Elaine Roy
Darlene Russell
Dorothy Russell
Marshall Russell
Michael W. Russell
William Russell
Albert & June Russo
Bob & Rita Shea
Lucien Sirard
Maureen L. Stacy
C. Richard Stockhaus
Joseph F. Stockwell
James Tabor
Neal R. Thomas
Connor Tronerud
Chester Urban
Robert E. Vaillancourt
Nancy Vaillancourt
Lucille Vecchione
William T. Walsh
Margaret Wendt
Dolores White
Ronald Woodward
Duane & Dolores Wunn
Frank J. Yaz

Would you like to remember a loved one in our Remembrance section? The cost of enrollment will be a $50 donation for the year. Please contact the office (508) 865-6624 to enroll your loved one(s).

This Week

SATURDAY ~ APRIL 18
No Events

SUNDAY ~ APRIL 19
SLAA @ CPO 7:30 PM

MONDAY ~ APRIL 20
AA @ SBH 7 PM
GA @ OLAH 8-9:30 PM

TUESDAY ~ APRIL 21
OA @ SBH 6:30-8 PM

WEDNESDAY ~ APRIL 22
No Events

THURSDAY ~ APRIL 23
No Events

FRIDAY ~ APRIL 24
No Events

SATURDAY ~ APRIL 25
No Events

SUNDAY ~ APRIL 26
SLAA @ CPO 7:30 PM

KEY TO LOCATIONS

SBC=St. Brigid Church
SBH=St. Brigid Hall
CPO=Catholic Parish Offices
OLAC=Assumption Church
OLAH=Assumption Hall

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Diocese of Worcester
Catholic Parishes of Millbury
Phone: 774-262-5506

MONTHLY MEETINGS
3rd Sunday - 10:00 AM
The Offices of the
Catholic Parishes of Millbury
New Members Welcome!

PARISH FOOD COLLECTION

Monthly: 1st Weekend
Food Bins are located in the Main Entrance of the Church

All food donations must be dropped off on food drive dates and placed in the large blue bins only, no exceptions. NO Perishables, NO Cleanouts.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Monthly: 1st Weekend - 12:15 PM
St. Brigid Church Hall

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS LIST

THE PANTRY IS IN NEED OF:
Oatmeal, Pancake Mix, Pancake Syrup, Paper Goods, Snacks

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THRIFT SHOP
Mon.-Sat.: 9AM-4PM, 507 Park Ave., Worcester (508) 752-4232

Live Stream Schedule of Events

Until gathering restrictions are lifted, The Catholic Parishes of Millbury will be bringing parishioners daily live streamed events from St. Brigid and Our Lady of Assumption Churches. Sign up for Flocknotes for event reminders and visit our Facebook page at The Catholic Parishes of Millbury, MA to view our live stream events.

Lord's Day Masses

Saturday: The 4 PM Mass will be recorded and shown on local cable.
Sunday: The 9 AM Mass will be live streamed.
We invite you to tune it to Millbury Public Access TV for rebroadcast of our Lord's Day Mass. On Cable it can be found at Charter Channel 194 and Verizon Channel 28. You can see the Mass on Sunday at 9AM, Monday at 2 PM, Tuesday at 6 PM and Friday at 2 PM.

Weekday Devotions

Monday–Thursday:
From noon-12:30 PM events are as follows:
Monday–Adoration
Tuesday–Adoration and Rosary
Wednesday–Adoration
Thursday–Adoration and Benediction

Evening Events

Wednesday: From 6-7 PM, Fr. Dan will bring a you Bible study on the Passion narrative.

Thursday: From 6-6:30 PM, Deacon Ron will lead the Rosary.

Visit stbrigidparish.org for links to our Facebook page.

STEWARDSHIP

OUR CHURCH'S FINANCIAL HEALTH

SECOND COLLECTIONS:
April 19—Specialty Ministries
April 26—Debt

Catholic Parishes of Millbury
Income
Weekend of April 4-5, 2020

Regular Weekly Collection	$3,998.00
Ordinary Collection Monthly	$863.00
Electronic Giving (April 2-9, 2020)	$1,658.00
Total Regular Weekly Collection	**$6,519.00**
Other Parish Income:	
Debt *(incl. online when appl.)*	$284.00
Specialty Ministries *(incl. online when appl.)*	$99.00
Utilities *(incl. online when applicable)*	$232.00
Mass Stipends	$60.00
Candles	$20.00
Donation	$45.00
In Remembrance	$100.00
SVDP *(incl. online when applicable)*	$52.00
Easter Flowers	$50.00
Easter	$261.00
Total Other Income	**$1,203.00**
Total Income	**$7,722.00**

Thank you for your continued support of The Catholic Parishes of Millbury! Although the Parish Offices are closed to the public, parishioners who would like to drop off their envelopes while Masses are suspended may drop them off or mail them to the offices at 59 Main Street, Millbury. Visit stbrigidparish.org and click the Online Giving button to set up electronic giving.

Catholic Parishes of Millbury
Cash Flow
April 2-13, 2020

Payroll (*week ending 4/4)*	$2,493.95
PayChex, Inc. *(Payroll Processing Fees)*	$66.05
Payroll Taxes	$888.10
Clergy Benefits (*Clergy Health*)	$1,007.00
Colonial Life (*Insurance*)	$26.76
Insurance	$388.00
Toshiba Finance (*Copier*)	$257.15
Ray's True Value (*Maintenance*)	$8.54
Verizon (*Phones*)	$261.74
UMM Hauling (*Trash*)	$117.80
National Grid *(Electric)*	$771.59
W.B. Mason (*Office*)	$372.50
Total Monies Paid	**$6,659.18**

A Prayer in Time of Pandemic

O God, whose Only Begotten Son bore the weight of human suffering for our salvation, hear the prayers of your Church for our sick brothers and sisters and deliver us from this time of trial. Open our ears and our hearts to the voice of your Son: Be not afraid, for I am with you always. Bless all doctors and nurses, researchers and public servants;
give us the wisdom to do what is right and the faith to endure this hour, that we might gather once again to praise your name in the heart of your Church, delivered from all distress and confident in your mercy.

Mask Donation for St. Vincent Hospital

If any parishioner has masks that they would be willing to donate for the staff at St. Vincent Hospital, please contact Debbie Hanna at 774.287.3800. Debbie is an RN and a member of St. Mark's Parish in Sutton.

PRAYER AT THE TIME OF A PANDEMIC

Lord Jesus, Who promised to remain
with us always,
When information overwhelms us
and fear overtakes us,
speak to us again those comforting
words,
"Peace be with you."
Though we cannot be physically close
to others,
give us the ability and courage
to love as well as we can,
since "perfect love casts out all fear."
Direct your caring gaze on doctors
and nurses,
researchers and safety personnel;
Come to strengthen the sick,
the vulnerable,
and comfort those who are grief
stricken.
And when the pandemic has passed,
and this frightening crisis is resolved,
teach us to know You more certainly
as our dearest Friend and our only
Hope.
You live and reign with the Father and
the Holy Spirit,
One God, forever and ever. Amen.
(offer one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and the Glory be...)
Our Lady, Mother of Perpetual Help,
pray for us.

Partners in Charity
DIOCESE of WORCESTER

Partners in Charity 2020 goals are: **St. Brigid: $60,000;** and **Our Lady of the Assumption: $20,000.** Thank you!

FAITH FACTS

Origin of Divine Mercy Sunday, the Divine Mercy image, the Chaplet, and the Novena

Saint Faustina: Mankind's need for the message of Divine Mercy took on dire urgency in the 20th Century, when civilization began to experience an "eclipse of the sense of God" and, therefore to lose the understanding of the sanctity and inherent dignity of human life. In the 1930s, Jesus chose a humble Polish nun, St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, to receive private revelations concerning Divine Mercy that were recorded in her Diary. St. John Paul II explains:

This was precisely the time when those ideologies of evil, nazism and communism, were taking shape. Sister Faustina became the herald of the one message capable of off-setting the evil of those ideologies, that fact that God is mercy—the truth of the merciful Christ. And for this reason, when I was called to the See of Peter, I felt impelled to pass on those experiences of a fellow Pole that deserve a place in the treasury of the universal Church.

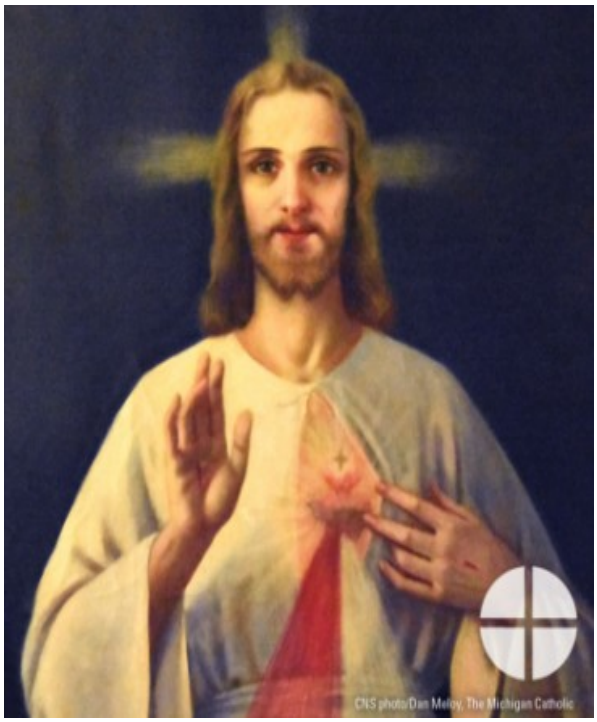
~ Pope Saint John Paul II, Memory and Identity (2005)

"There will come a time
when this work, which God is
demanding so very much,
will be as though utterly undone.
And then God will act with great power,
which will give evidence of its authenticity.
It will be a new splendor for the Church,
although it has been dormant in it
from long ago." ~ Saint Faustina

Divine Mercy Sunday: St. Faustina's Diary records 14 occasions when Jesus requested that a Feast of Mercy (Divine Mercy Sunday) be observed, for example:

My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. … Let no soul fear to draw near to Me. … It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy. (Diary, no. 699)

On May 5, 2000, five days after the canonization of St. Faustina, the Vatican decreed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday.



The Image: Jesus appeared to St. Faustina in a vision, with his right hand raised in a blessing and his left touching his garment above his heart. Red and white rays emanate from his heart, symbolizing the blood and water that was poured out for our salvation and our sanctification. The Lord requested that "Jesus, I trust in You" be inscribed under his image. Jesus asked that his image be painted and venerated throughout the world: "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish" (Diary, no. 48) and "By means of this image I will grant many graces to souls" (Diary, no. 742).

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy: The Chaplet was also given to St. Faustina with this promise: "Encourage souls to say the chaplet which I have given you" (Diary, no. 1541). "Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death. … Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy. I desire that the whole world know My infinite mercy" (Diary, no. 687).

The Divine Mercy Novena: Jesus gave St. Faustina nine intentions for which to pray the Chaplet beginning on Good Friday and ending on the Saturday before Divine Mercy Sunday.

Visit thedivinemercy.org to learn how to recite the Chaplet.

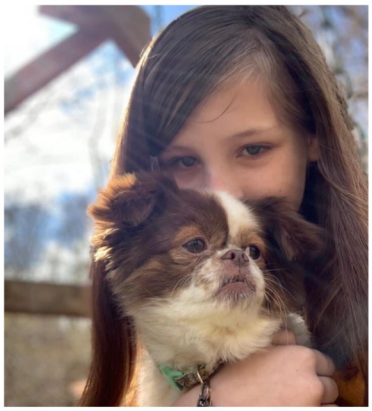
Youth & Family Faith Formation

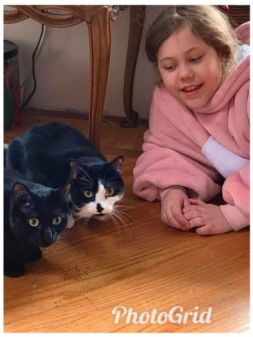
Thanks to our Faith Formation Families!

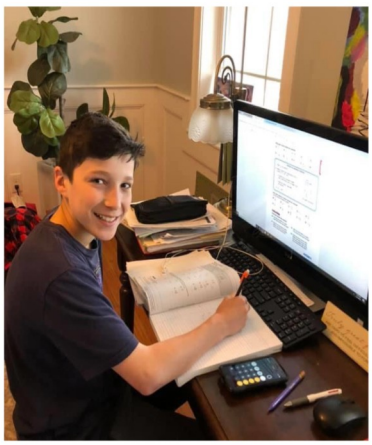
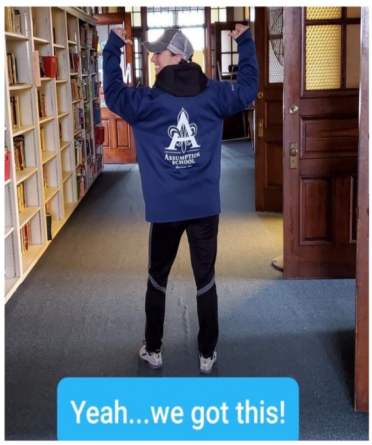
Thursday April 2nd, fourteen of our faith formation families donated a combined 150 full bagged lunches for the homeless and hungry at the Mustard Seed in Worcester. Due to the current social distancing guidelines, the Mustard Seed has had to modify the usual dining room meal distribution format. Thank you to our families for making this possible.

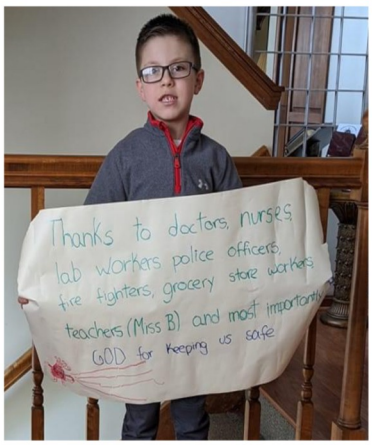
Assumption School
Millbury, MA
A legacy of learning...a history with heart

Assumption School Virtual Spirit Week






Thanks to doctors, nurses
lab workers police officers,
fire fighters, grocery store workers
teachers (Miss B) and most important
GOD for keeping us safe

Assumption School students had their very first Virtual Spirit Week and it was a complete success!

Monday: My Pet Monday
Tuesday: Pajama Tuesday
Wednesday: Workspace Wednesday
Thursday: Thank a Hero Thursday
Friday: Assumption Spirit Day

The student were able to connect with friends and teachers through photos. Thank you to all who participated. It was a lot of fun!

Assumption school Faculty, Staff, and Students continue to pray that everyone stays healthy and safe.

If you or someone you know has been sexually abused by a priest, religious, or lay person working for the Church, and you need a place to talk about your feelings of betrayal or hurt by the Church, call Judith Audette
Office for Healing and Prevention, (508) 929-4363.
A 24-hour-a-day confidential voicemail is available.

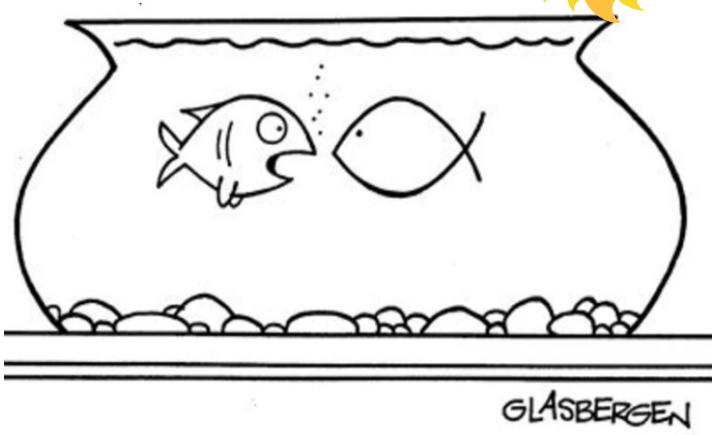
Faith Facts & Fun Activities

Saint of the Week

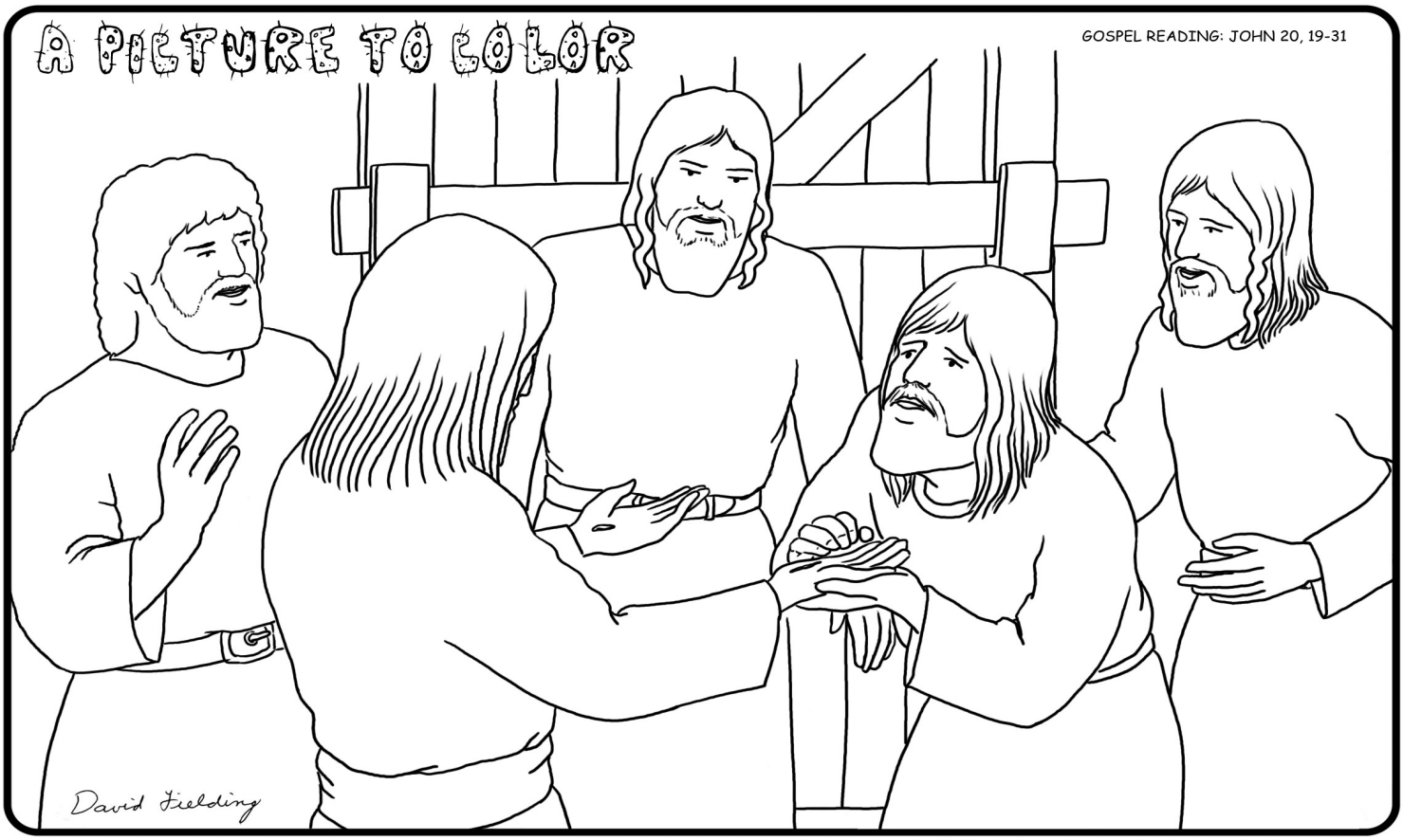
Saint Mark the Evangelist
First Century
Feast Day, April 25

According to the Acts of the Apostles, Mark's mother owned the house where the first Jerusalem Christians prayed and where Peter stayed after his miraculous release from prison (Acts 12:1-19). The New Testament also notes that Mark traveled with Paul and Barnabas on their mission to Antioch and that he was associated with both Paul and Peter in Rome. He may have written his Gospel, the shortest of the four, based on Peter's preaching while in Rome. By tradition, he was the martyred bishop of Alexandria, Egypt, with his relics later carried to Venice by Venetian merchants. In art, he is often symbolized by a lion. He is the patron saint of lions, lawyers, Venice, interpreters, and prisoners. ❖

YOUR SMILE FOR TODAY



"Can't we talk about something besides religion for a change?"



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